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DARING PIRACY.

CREW PUT UP DETERMINED RESISTANCE.

TWO OR THREE KILLED.

Captain of the "Siang Tan" Held For Ransom.

BRITISH GUNBOATS ENDEAVOURING TO LOCATE MISSING SKIPPER.

Another piracy has occurred, this time on the Yangtsze, 17 miles below Ichang.

The crew made a determined resistance, and two or three of them were killed.

The Captain was taken away by the bandits and is now being held for ransom.

STORY OF THE OUTRAGE.

Hankow, Yesterday.

Bandits carried out a daring piracy on a British steamer on Wednesday in the course of which one or two of the ship's company are believed to have been killed in resisting the attack.

The names of the killed are not known.

The ship involved was the China Navigation Company (Butterfield and Swire) s.s. "Siang Tan" (1,495 tons gross, 729 nett) which at the time was anchored about seventeen miles below Ichang.

About 10 p.m. on Wednesday night, sampans containing about thirty bandits suddenly put off from the left bank of the river and the occupants swarmed on board.

The ship's crew put up a determined resistance in the course of which two or three are believed to have been killed.

Details are lacking as to what plunder, if any, the bandits were able to take with them when they decamped but the Captain of the "Siang Tan" was taken away for purposes of ransom.

British gunboats in the neighbourhood are endeavouring to locate the missing skipper and General Yang Chen is also arranging for a party of Chinese soldiers to visit the scene to carry out an attack on the bandit lair.—British Naval Wireless.

The Ship's Personnel.

The "Siang Tan" is one of the China Navigation Company's Upper Yangtsze shallow draft ships the Master (according to the latest list obtainable) being Captain Lalor and the Chief Officer, Mr. E. W. Richards. There would also be a European Chief Engineer and 2nd Engineer, the names of whom are unobtainable. Ichang, the scene of the piracy, is 370 miles above Hankow and the Chinese General in charge of the district at the moment is Yang Sen, who became notorious as the result of his action in commanding the China Navigation Company's steamers for troop movements which led to the War-hsien Epic. Lately, he has been exhibiting signs of friendliness with the British authorities.

"SOLVIKEN" PIRACY.

Part of the Loot Brought to Colony.

There was an echo of the "Solviiken" piracy in Major C. Willson's Court this morning, when Detective Sergeant Baker charged two elderly Chinese with receiving stolen property, namely with an ingot of gold identified as part of the loot the pirates took away from the s.s. "Solviiken," the Captain of which, the Sergeant reminded his Worship, was shot during the outbreak on board.

The first accused admitted possession of the gold, which he said he had purchased in the country without knowing that it was stolen property.

Second accused denied possession of the gold.

Sergeant Baker said that from what he could gather at present, first accused came down from the country and tried to dispose of the gold here. Failing to do so, he took it to the second accused, who was the manager of a big import

A.P.C. GOODS SEIZED.

Amoy Staff Take Steps Themselves.

ILLEGAL LEVIES BY TAX BUREAU

Sequel To British Refusal To Pay On Wax.

Amoy, Yesterday. Trouble between the Asiatic Petroleum Co. and the Chinese (Nationalist) authorities here occurred on Wednesday but the incident is closed.

The Tax Bureau imposed an illegal tax on wax. When the A.P.C. refused to pay, the water police (acting on behalf of the Tax Bureau) seized a lighter.

This lighter was loaded with wax and was lying at the A.P.C. installation prior to being reshipped in British steamers to Shanhua.—British Naval Wireless.

British Consul Consulted.

After the seizure, the agents of the A.P.C. consulted the British Consul. A party was sent to recover the lighter which was then brought back to the A.P.C. installation and unloaded under the protection of the A.P.C. staff.

No opposition was made by the authorities.—British Naval Wireless.

PEKING SURPRISE.

Luxury Tax Put Into Effect After All.

Peking, Yesterday. Some surprise was occasioned by the imposition of the luxury tax from to-day in view of the recent statement of the Finance Ministry postponing the levy of same until January 1.

The tax, however, is apparently only being levied at present on real luxuries such as curios, jewellery, the finest silks, and only on fresh imports and not on sales of existing stocks held by the merchants as originally intended.—Reuter.

BOYCOTT ENDED.

Ichang Chinese Commissioner Apologises.

Ichang, Yesterday. The Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has expressed his regret for the boycott by

the junk people took shelter in the hold, whereupon the pirates came alongside and boarded their prize. The pirates closed the hold, imprisoning the junk people, and then sailed the junk away. After being in possession of the junk for about four hours the pirates departed in their own boat.

Besides the 31 pigs, the pirates took away 20 tins of nut oil, 21 baskets of eggs, 15 catties of salt fish and \$300 in Hong Kong notes.

The junk made tracks for Hong Kong immediately after the pirates left her.

Egypt's Tariff.

QUESTION OF BRITISH INTERESTS.

TWO EXPERTS ENGAGED.

DEFENCE FORCE.

CASUALTIES IN THE FAR EAST.

London, Yesterday. The casualties in the British Expeditionary Force in China were enumerated by Lord Onslow in the House of Lords, as follows:

Army—Seven died and 33 were injured owing to accidents or disease; two died and 13 were injured owing to wounds.

Air force—Four died and three were injured due to accidents.

Navy—No casualties in action.—Reuter.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

EFFECT OF EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Home Secretary was asked in the House of Commons how many electors would be males and how many females if the existing Parliamentary franchise were extended to women of 21 years.

He said that on the basis of the most recent available figures the total electorate for Great Britain was estimated as 12,260,000 men and 14,000,000 women.—British Wireless Service.

AGAINST NANKING.

Kiukiang People Again Hostile.

WHAT THE POSTERS SIGNIFY.

Long-Suffering Peasants Arm Themselves.

Kiukiang, Yesterday. Posters have been put up here exhorting opposition to the Nanjing Government. About 4,000 Nationalist troops have passed Kiukiang (in transports) on their way up the Yangtsze River.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Kiukiang is 252 miles above Nanking and 142 miles below Hankow. It is at present in Nationalist hands but the local, like others elsewhere, may be hostile to the Nationalist headquarters at Nanking.]

General Leaves Hankow.

Hankow, Yesterday. Generals Cheng Chien and Li Tsung-jen, who were joint commanders-in-chief of Nanking's victorious expedition against Hankow, have left Hankow to attend the Nationalist Convention to be held at Shanghai.—British Naval Wireless.

THE "INVULNERABLES."

Wanhxien Peasants to Defend Themselves.

Wanhxien, Yesterday. The peasantry have organised themselves into armed bands known as the "Invulnerables" to resist the depredations of all military bands passing through their territory.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: For their own protection against the ravages of re-

OFFICIAL PANIC.

Are Ironsides "Using" Bandits?

STEAMERS AFRAID TO PROCEED

Kongmoon Danger Through Troop Evacuation.

Kongmoon, Yesterday. Chinese authorities here have been in panic over the possibility of being attacked by bandits now that regular troops are being withdrawn from this locality.

The garrison here is under the Kwangsi military faction (which is opposed to the Ironsides) in Canton.

As a matter of fact, the local authorities received information about movements of bandits, following the local Kwangsi garrison's removal for fear of being attacked by the Ironsides.

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Hankow, Yesterday. Around Kuchau, to the east of Pakkai, and in the Kongmoon district, bandits have been active. Steamers bound for Kongmoon were ordered to anchor and stay the night at Plover Island, until daylight, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

A current rumour is that the bandits have been inspired by sources favourable to the Ironsides, the inference being that the bandits are to make trouble for the Kwangsi garrison.—British Naval Wireless.

U. S. COMMERCE.

ALL RECORDS EXCEEDED LAST YEAR.

LITTLE UNEMPLOYMENT.

FRESH FAIR.

No Change In Weather Forecast.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this forenoon stated:—

The anticyclone over China has strengthened slightly.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

regular troops, peasants in Honan province have formed themselves into "Red Spear" societies and have done good work in harassing columns of regulars.

Wanhxien is above Ichang, on the Yangtsze and the poor people here have suffered from periodic visitations by troops who were engaged in the ravages of re-

neither welcome nor capable.]

Salt Trouble Over.

Wuhu, Yesterday.

Trouble here in connection with taxes on salt appear to have been settled to the satisfaction of all parties.

The cargo in question is now being taken up the Yangtsze to Hankow.—British Naval Wireless.

THE USUAL STORY.

Peking Claims Victory Against Nationalists.

Peking Yesterday.

General Chang Tsung-chang claims that allied Fengtien forces are proceeding to the assistance of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's men along the Grand Canal and have defeated the Nationalists, re-taking Tsingtao, and the Nationalists are retreating to Paoyang.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Two strike pickets who were armed and were endeavouring to intimidate the employees of the Settlement tramway were shot down by the Municipal Police.

The sequel to such action has been a strike by the personnel of the tramway staff.—British Naval Wireless.

SUGAR RING.

PARIS DECISIONS NOW RATIFIED.

HUNGARY FAVOURABLE.

Barlin, Yesterday.

A meeting has been held between Mr. Tarafa, (Cuba), and German, Polish, and Czech-sugar industrialists. The latter announced that, after hearing Mr. Tarafa's report on the negotiations in Amsterdam, that they ratified the Paris decisions, to which it is intimated that the Hungarian industry is also favourably disposed.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 8/16.

British Wireless Service.

"SCRAPITALISM."

Soviet's Sweeping Proposals.

A CHORUS OF DECISION.

"Great Misfortune For Cause Of Disarmament."

London, Yesterday.

M. Litvinoff's "scrapitalism" at Geneva has evoked a chorus of decision in the Liberal papers equally scathing as in the Conservative.

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London, Yesterday.

The "Daily Telegraph" declares that none but a simpleton would treat the plan at all seriously, while the "Daily News," which is particularly down on "Moscow's Peace Jest," points out that to ask England to disarm completely and leave her trade routes (whereon the very life of her thronged cities depends) utterly defenceless, is not exactly the same as to ask Russia which is practically self-supporting to do so. The plan generally is characterised as an obvious attempt to put the other great Powers in a false light.

The "Daily Herald" alone reads in the proposals an invitation to the other Powers to reveal how far they are in earnest.—Reuter.

Jockey.

Paris, Yesterday.

Many of the newspapers commenting on the Soviet Geneva proposals, are of opinion that M. Litvinoff is joking, although the "Petit Parisien" thinks he is serious and that the Russians, if they had been refused a hearing, would have walked out and have denounced the hypocrisy of the capitalist Governments.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 1st December, 1927.

Hon. Mr. Shenton said he was quite satisfied with the explanation.

The day will come when the Mother Country will take second place to Canada.—Mr. Reginald Mc-Kenna.

DRUNK OR SOBER?

LEGAL DEFINITION OF THE TERM.

AT YESTERDAY'S COUNCIL.

The legal definition of "drunkenness" was among the matters referred to by the Attorney-General in moving the first reading yesterday of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Magistrates' Ordinance, 1890. Sections of the principal Ordinance, he stated, dealt with offences by persons whilst drunk. The interpretation of this term had given rise to a great deal of difficulty in the Courts here and still was a matter of great difficulty and uncertainty.

Referring to the report of the Committee appointed by the British Medical Association in October 1926 to consider the interpretation of the word "drunk," the Attorney-General said that their recommendations regarding such definition had been included in the present Bill, viz., "For the purposes of sub-sections (3) and (4) a person shall be deemed to have been drunk if he was so much under the influence of alcohol as to have lost control of his faculties to such an extent as to render him unable, to execute safely the occupation on which he was engaged at the time in question."

Motor Car Control.

It was obvious, of course, that a person might be intoxicated to a certain extent and yet be able to carry on his particular occupation with perfect safety to himself and others, whilst in another case, such as the control of a motor car, a less degree of intoxication would make him a source of danger both to himself and the general public. The test adopted was whether the state of intoxication was such as to render him unable to execute safely the particular occupation on which he was engaged at the time in question. This was the first general point dealt with by the Bill.

The second dealt with appeals from magistrates' decisions, providing that if any appeal was rendered impossible by the death, absence or incapacity of the magistrate whose decision was appealed against, the Full Court shall have power to order the case to be tried "de novo," whilst the third point dealt with loitering to commit a felony.

Loitering.

The Vagrancy Act of 1824 makes it an offence for a suspected person or reputed thief to frequent streets, docks and so on with intent to commit a felony. Very often it is difficult to prove frequenting, because to prove frequenting you must be able to show that the man has visited that street for that purpose at least more than once. On the other hand it may be quite obvious from his known character and his actions that he can only be there for an unlawful purpose. In England the law was altered a good many years ago and it was made an offence for suspected persons or reputed thieves to loiter with the view to committing a felony. That amendment, made in England in 1881, is now to be made here by a section of this Bill. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Hong Kong Police Reserve.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hong Kong Police Reserve.

The Chairman explained that when the Diocesan Boys' School were making plans for the transfer of the school to Yaumati, arrangements for the private sale of the old premises were being negotiated. The necessity for rebuilding the Government Civil Hospital arose, and it was clear the use of the Diocesan Boys' School ground was necessary for the satisfactory development of the scheme if the new buildings of the Hospital were to be erected in close proximity to the old ones. The negotiations for the private sale of the Diocesan Boys' School property hung fire and ultimately collapsed, and as it was necessary for the Government to secure control of the area for the new Hospital, they did so. The Finance Committee had been fully consulted from the beginning, the figure had been accepted and the Government was definitely committed. He asked the Committee to approve the vote and any further information required would be given.

In the second place all penalties for breaches of discipline, other, of course, than reprimand and dismissal, are abolished except when the Reserve is called out for service. It is obvious when it is called out for active service, that these penalties must revive for the period of active service.

In the third place powers are given in the Bill to the Governor-in-Council to direct that members of the Reserve be called out for service. The regulations proposed to be made under this Ordinance when it is passed have been published in the "Gazette." I beg to move the first reading.

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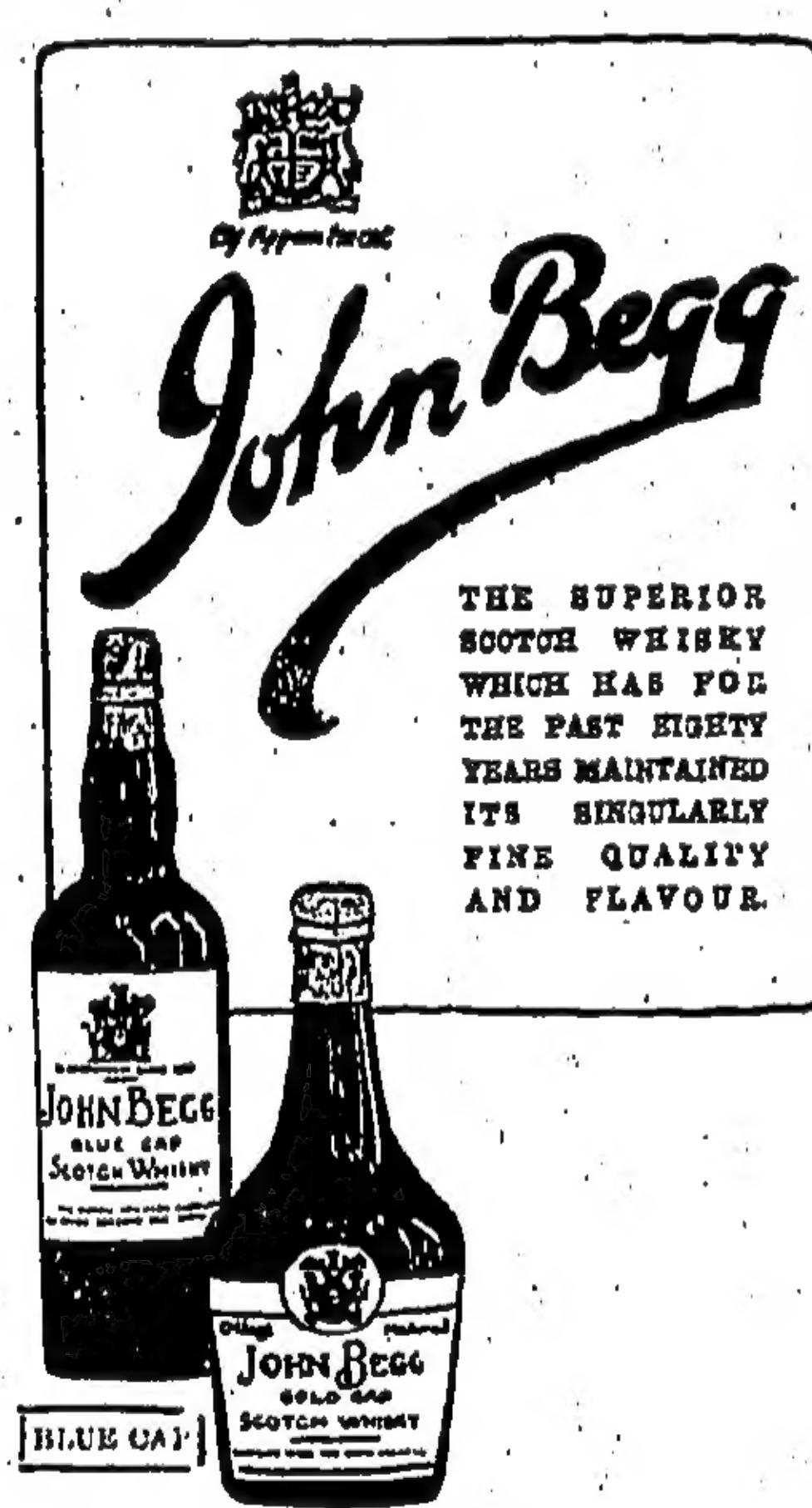
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VOTE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Chairman (Mr. E. R. Hallifax), explained that there was a vote for next year in the estimates for the Imports and Exports Department for £7,000 for the purchase of a launch. An opportunity had now arisen of purchasing an entirely satisfactory launch for £4,750. That would mean considerable saving, and it was proposed to purchase.

Replying to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Chairman said, the launch had been inspected by the Government Marine Surveyor, who had reported satisfactorily and considered it well worth the price.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "Wray Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on October 15, and is expected here to-morrow.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama for Vancouver on November 25 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Sunday.

The E. & A. Company's s.s. "St. Albans" left Sydney for this port on November 12 at 2 a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on December 5.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on December 6 at 2 p.m., and is due here on December 7 at p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.) leaves Manila to-morrow at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Monday at 8 a.m. when she will berth at Pier

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on November 19, and is due here on December 7.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 8.30 a.m. left same day at 1 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 8. She will sail for Manila at 8 p.m. on December 8.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Penang on November 28, and is expected here on December 8.

The s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) sailed from Rabaub on November 30, and is expected here on December 18.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is expected here on January 1, 1928.

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PILLAGED CARGOES.

HEAVY AUSTRALIAN LOSSES REPORTED.

The text of the report on pillaged and short landed cargoes which a committee representing shipowners, merchants, chambers of commerce and indemnity associations published recently in London has been received by mail. It states that over a period of three years, the shipowners in the Australian trade—although not necessarily entirely from the United Kingdom and Continent—have paid in claims not less than £176,000. Further figures show that on 110 steamers from which returns have been furnished, the amount paid in claims on cargo shipped from the United Kingdom and Continent was £11,139, averaging 2/2 a ton of cargo carried. This represents the amount paid per ton on "pillageable" cargo only, as distinct from "non-pillageable" cargo such as iron, tin, plates, paper and general dead weight cargo. The amounts paid for pillaged and short-landed cargo, by nine lines amounted in 1924 to £1,723; 1925, to £50,154; and 1926 to £24,368.

Replies supplied by one line engaged in the Australian and other trades show conclusively, the committee states, that the pillage in the Australian trade is much greater than in other directions. The amounts as paid per ton of cargo carried from the United Kingdom and Continent, whether "pillageable" cargo or not at the ports mentioned, are as follow:

	Pence per ton.
Singapore	1.0
Hong Kong	3.3
Shanghai	2.5
Kobe	0.8
Yokohama	1.2
Adelaide	1.7
Melbourne	2.2
Sydney	4.8
Brisbane	15.9

One of the protection and indemnity associations reports that three years ago 80 per cent. of the total round voyage cargo claims have arisen in the Australasian trade, leaving 20 per cent. to cover the claims in all other trades, the 80 per cent. being divided; 50 per cent. on Australian and 30 per cent. on New Zealand cargo, in spite of the fact that only 60 vessels were engaged exclusively in the Australasian trade out of 742 vessels entered in the association.

One line reports that their losses on the homeward cargo from Australia averaged 14.15d. per ton as against 1.9d. per ton from the Far East. Seven importing firms in Sydney who have supplied figures give their total losses in 1925 as £5,600 and in 1926 as £7,000.

Although as the figures supplied by the nine lines show, the claims for 1925 were higher than those for 1926, nevertheless it is claimed that the results of recent years, taken together, compared with the results of years immediately preceding them show that pillage is on the increase. "While from the information before us," the committee states, "it is quite apparent that the bulk of the claims paid result from pillage or theft which take place overseas, nevertheless we feel justified in saying that pillage does take place either before the cargo is delivered to the shipping company at the shipping ports or on board the steamer.

DUNDALK PORT.

PROPOSED INTERVIEW WITH L.M.S. BOARD.

The London, Midland and Scottish Board has invited the Dundalk Harbour Commissioners to send a deputation for an interview in reference to the board's scheme of development, which includes the taking over of the interest in quays now vested in private ownership, at an outlay to be determined by arbitration. The L.M.S. Co. has fixed no date for the proposed interview, but the commissioners have accepted the invitation.

The engineers reported that since July 15, about 55,600 tons had been lifted by the dredger plant which he considered satisfactory, in view of the fact that the plant is 48 years old.

The tonnage entered for September was 18,697 tons, which included 7,618 tons Dundalk and Newry sailings. The receipts were £688 16s. 6d., and the expenses £700.

FISHERMAN DROWNED.

Whilst he was taking fish in hithin waters yesterday, the boat in which a 73-year-old fisherman was sitting suddenly capsized. The man sank immediately and was drowned. His body has not yet been recovered.

NOTICE TO MASTERS.

Owing to martial law having been declared in the Swatow area, the Commander-in-Chief of the Eighth Route Army has notified that all vessels, foreign or Chinese are "not allowed" to enter or leave the port of Swatow between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

A notification to mariners at the harbour office indicates that the fog bell at Lamtong Island has been removed and will be replaced about the middle of February next.

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LEICESTER COMPETITOR'S SUCCESS.

The winner of the Windsor to London walk in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign was T. Lloyd Johnson, of the Leicester Walking Club.

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Eventually he proved an easy winner at Wellington Barracks, in 3 hours 51 minutes 37 seconds.

The Surrey Athletic Club, winners of the South London Centre race, had the low total of 19 points and beat Wibsey Park into second place by ten points.

Derby Walking Club, winners of the Leicester Centre contest, being third, with a total of thirty points.

TOURIST SHIP.

"OP TEN NOORT" LEAVES SAIGON.

Salon, Nov. 18.

The Dutch liner s.s. "Op Ten Noort" of the Royal Steam-packet Navigation Company, carrying 108 passengers, arrived here on Friday morning. In spite of the brevity of the visit, 46 of the tourists set out for Angkor Wat by motor cars which had been placed at their disposal by the tourist bureau which governs travel in Cochinchina, Cambodia, and enabled them to view in the shortest possible space of time the marvels of the Wat in question.

A STRANGE TALE.

BRITISH PORT IN LIAOTUNG GULF!

Paris, Nov. 17.

A British group has signed a contract for the establishment of a port in the Gulf of Liaotung, opposite Yingchow, Manchuria.

Japan is preparing a protest to China on the ground that the project infringes her rights which have been recognised by treaties, and at the same time, she intends to protest against the payment out of the funds of that railway where the Chinese have nearly finished.

ARGENTINE NAVAL ORDERS.

The Argentine Navy still has some building contracts to give, but the prospects of the British yards getting them do not appear to be bright. The French financiers are active in promoting the loan which the Argentine Government desires, and if they are successful the remaining orders will certainly go to the French yards, which have a powerful backing in financial circles.

Italy and Spain have already benefited by the Republic's desire to increase its navy, but up to now only two small craft have been ordered on the "Tyne." It is true that since the middle nineties the Argentine Navy has favoured the Italian yards for its cruisers, but before that Laird's of Birkenhead and Armstrong, Whitworths shared the orders for the big ships, while Yarrow's and Thornycroft built most of their torpedo craft, and these vessels were so satisfactory, and have lasted so remarkably well that the present trend of events is very disappointing.

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MOREA	10,953	7th Jan.	Marseilles & London
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DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,080	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Macedonia	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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MANTUA	10,910	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
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GARMULA	5,254	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTA	8,007	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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MALWA	10,995	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
Macedonia	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,988	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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The London correspondent of the "Ceylon Observer" writes:-

The gaily painted exterior of the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall (the banqueting hall of the Palace of Whitehall and Charles I's ante-chamber to the scaffold) attracts attention to the exhibition of model ships at present being held there. These models were made in the Overseas Department of the Board of Trade strictly on the authority of old prints and documents. They have been placed end to end, and this line of ships, from a canoe of the eighth century to H.M.S. "Hood," is a complete pictorial record of the development of the fighting vessels. It is a graphic summary.

The log canoe of the eighth century is followed by the large rowing-boat in which William the Conqueror sailed the Channel. These look as much utility vessels as the ironclads at the other end. But in between there is sight of the battleships that sailed the seas in pageantry. There is a beautiful model of a warship of Henry III's day. It carried castle and a fighting top and a great square sail very bravely coloured with heraldic beasts—a fine, showy vessel.

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DEATH.

MCCUBBIN.—On December 1, 1923, at "Hillcrest," Hillmorton, Rugby, John McCubbin, late of the Hong Kong and China Gas Co. (By cable).

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 2, 1923.

BRITAIN AND PEACE.

On the opening of yet another series of disarmament conferences at Geneva—this one termed the Preparatory Disarmament Commission—it is meet that we should devote a little consideration to what is likely to arise out of its deliberations. But, before that is possible, it is essential that we should have a definite grasp of our—the British—official view of the whole vexing subject. In other words, what is our policy? Previous confidences, sad to relate, have not disclosed it, and the latest dicta on the matter, contained in the propagandist message despatched by the British Wireless Service on Sunday, and published in this journal on Monday, is not at all helpful. "Any effective means of peace and disarmament will be supported by intense British sincerity" carries us nowhere. Sir Austen Chamberlain and other delegates, have been saying the same thing for months—yet, where are we? Perhaps there are some fortunate people in Britain to-day who know what the British policy toward disarmament comprises, but we are willing to wager that there is not a soul in Hong Kong who does. Here we are in the position of the Smaller Powers, who, at Geneva recently, during the sitting of the League of Nations Assembly, bitterly attacked what they considered to constitute Britain's policy toward peace. Every attack was in

different vein, simply because more of them could say what our view, our aim, was or is. In consequence our sincerity in "the struggle for peace" has been gravely questioned.

Readers of these lines in Hong Kong would not go so far, we presume, as to question our Government's sincerity of purpose, but the fact remains that we are left, as the other Powers at Geneva were left, to form our own conclusions. Essentially loyal, we know, so far as Britain is concerned, has been buried as a tactical mistake. Sir Austen Chamberlain made that point clear in replying to our critics at the League Assembly when he told them, in so many words, that if they should insist on seeking peace through that much abused instrument, or by means of any other obligation into which the British Empire could not enter, he would rather see the League itself go to perdition than accept commitments that would disrupt "the smaller but older League," the British Imperial Commonwealth."

Here, it seems, in the opinion of many, the British spokesman "let the cat out of the bag" in regard to our policy. His statement was certainly dogmatic and challenging; no wonder the Smaller Powers felt aggrieved. It may be safely surmised, however, that these words of Sir Austen's by no means were intended to epitomise British policy, that they merely constituted his emphatic reassertion that we will have nothing to do with the terms and conditions of the old Protocol. In this line of action, fortunately, we have the support of most of the Greater Powers.

SESSIONS CASE.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH
THEFT OF \$300.

The Chinese arrested in connection with the theft from a Kwong-chauwan pig dealer on the waterfront of over \$300 in notes, was this morning committed by R. E. Lindsell to stand his trial at the Criminal Sessions.

RADIO CABLES.

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THEATRE ROYAL.

SPLendid Performance.

Again we have the pleasure of commenting on the well-known Salisbury Company's effort which was staged at the Theatre Royal last evening and will be repeated this evening. We have never been disappointed with this world famous Company and last evening's performance was right up to standard. There was not a dull moment from beginning to end. Complications in the corridor of the Blue Train brought down the house. New jokes were sprung that will pass around the Clubs for many months hence. An appropriate joke for the day after St. Andrew's ball was the conundrum "What is the difference between a Scot and a canoe?" the answer being that the canoe TIPS!

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The scenery was quite good, and of course, the music splendid. We were "intrigued" with several of the catchy numbers such as "When a Girl is in Love With a Man" sung by Frances Day and Edmund Nash, who later sang together another clever piece, "Eileen." Last, but not least, we wish to mention the "snappy" chorus who helped in no small way to make the entertainment enjoyable, and as "Felix" the conductor of the Blue Train, George Curzon provided no little enjoyment.

Without dealing too much in superlatives, we can say that The Blue Train is right up to Salisbury Company standards and we hope that we will see them in Hong Kong again in the near future. If you want a laugh, want to forget those "pesky" shroffs, to forget that you are "a long way from Tipperary" (or Aberdeen or Piccadilly Circus, Oskosh, U.S.A., or wherever you hail from) go to see The Quants this evening—it's your last chance.

MR. J. McCUBBIN.

LATE RESIDENT ENGINEER OF
GAS COMPANY.

DEATH ON RETIREMENT.

His many friends in Hong Kong will regret to hear of the death at "Hillcrest," Hillmorton, Rugby, of Mr. John McCubbin, late of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company.

Mr. McCubbin's death, which is announced by cable, took place on the 1st inst.

Mr. McCubbin was an old resident of the Colony well-known to and respected by a wide circle of friends. He went home on retirement in 1923 after twenty-five years' service as resident engineer with the Hong Kong and China Gas Company.

Prior to his service in the East, Mr. McCubbin had managed the Gas Works at Chelvey, Lincs.

He was a native of Greenwich and an active member of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society in which he had held office.

Mr. McCubbin was also a Free-mason.

As an old member and President of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders he was perhaps best known amongst the engineering and shipping fraternity. He was a member of the Institution for 22 years, a member of the Committee from 1904 to 1922 and President from 1913-1914.

On the occasion of his retirement from the Colony, Mr. McCubbin was presented with an address by the President, Committee and members of the Institution, placing on record the respect and esteem in which he was held and bearing tribute to the enduring impression of his personality and deep interest in the Institution. This presentation was made by Mr. S. Baker.

Mr. McCubbin is survived by a wife and son, now at home, and a married daughter (Mrs. J. Stewart) of Taikoo Dockyard.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will go out to the family in their bereavement.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning: North Wall Basin, Witherington; South Wall Basin, Peterel and Tern; East Wall Basin Subs. L7, L8, L15, L16, L19 and L20; North Arm, Francol and Wiven; West Wall Dock, Titania and L2 and L3; In Dock, Nessus, Stormcloud, Sterling and Cleala; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 2, Wolverine; Buoy 3, Bluebell; Buoy 4, Herald; Buoy 5, Iroquois; Buoy 7, Marazon; Buoy 8, Ambrose and L8, L83; and L1; Buoy 10, Seraph; Buoy 11, Somme; Buoy 13, Bruce; Buoy 12, Somme; Buoy 20, Veteran; Buoy 19, Belgo; Buoy 21, Royal Sovereign; Buoy 22, Kharaki; Buoy A23, Ruthenia; also in harbour: U.S.S. Sampson.

As compared with the British, the French are not fond of literature.

Mr. Arnold Bennett.

With an A1 mechanical progress in the world, there is only a C8 moral progress.—The Bishop of Winchester.

The letter that cannot be answered in a telegram does not need to be answered at all. Mr. Robert Lynn.

"SCRAPITALISM."

(Continued from Page 1.)

Britain's Lead.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Lord Cushendun, speaking at today's meeting of the new Committee on arbitration and security at Geneva, referred to the fact that he succeeded Viscount Cecil as the British representative to the League of Nations. He said that this change in no way implied a change of British policy, which continued in the corridor of the Blue Train brought down the house. New jokes were sprung that will pass around the Clubs for many months hence. An appropriate joke for the day after St. Andrew's ball was the conundrum "What is the difference between a Scot and a canoe?" the answer being that the canoe TIPS!

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An Aberdonian told a friend of his intention to pay a visit to London. His friend informed him that it was very lucky to throw a halfpenny out of the carriage as he crossed the bridges on the way South. On his return home he was asked how he got on.

"Well enough," was his reply.

"I got on fine crossing the Dee, and managed a right at the Tay Bridge,

but when I came to the Forth Bridge the string got mixed up with the girders, and I lost my ha'penny."

Wife—"You seem disappointed with your parcel."

Husband—"Yes. I answered an advertisement for a device to keep down gas bills, and the firm sent me a paperweight."

Quack Medicine Vendor—"Sir, I might mention as a slight testimonial to this world-famed 'Rejuvenator' that, a year ago, after taking one small dose overnight, upon awakening in the morning, I said to my wife, 'Mother, give me my satchel—I shall be later for school!'"

Mrs. Jenkinson had been to a political meeting, and when she returned home she regaled her husband with her party views.

"We are going to sweep the country, John," she exclaimed.

"Then," remarked her husband, "you had better start with the kitchen, dear!"

Jeweller—"If I were you, I would not have 'George, to his dearest Alice' engraved. If Alice changes her mind, you can't use the ring again."

Young Man—"What would you suggest?"

"I would suggest the words 'George, to his first and only love.'"

A chemist was aroused one night by the violent ringing of his front-door bell. On looking out of the window, he saw a young girl in evening dress.

"What's the matter, miss?" he asked.

"Oh, no," she replied, in sweet tones, "but I'm dancing at a ball close by, and I've run out of rouge."

"Indeed!" snorted the disgusted chemist. "I'm sorry, but I never keep enough rouge in stock to cover a cheek like yours!"

The teacher was pointing out to his pupils the abbreviations of names. At the end of the lesson he said to a small boy at the back of the class:

"Now, Leslie, what is the full name of 'Bobby'?"

Leslie: "Please sir—Policeman!"

"Why did you strike the telegraph operator?" asked the magistrate of the man who was summoned for assault.

"Well, I gave him a telegram to send to my girl, and he started reading it. So I ups and gives him one!"

Harold was an untidy lad, and, although his mother made every effort to encourage him, he never folded his clothes when he went to bed.

MORPHIA "DEAL"?

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN POLICE COURT.

CROWN CASE CONCLUDED.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the defence of James Christie and Christopher Bluhm charged in connection with the alleged morphia "deal," resumed his cross-examination of Leslie Ernest Haynes, the principal witness for the prosecution, as the result of whose information the police set a trap which resulted in the accused's arrest.

Mr. Leask's first question at the resumption before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, was to ask Haynes if he knew Kentwell, and the witness replied that he did.

In reply, to other questions, Haynes said that Kentwell was in Hong Kong about the time he met Christie in the King Edward Hotel. Haynes denied that at his meeting with Christie he said to him "Kentwell is in Hong Kong, you must meet him." He admitted, however, that he did mention Kentwell's name to Christie. Kentwell, Haynes explained, had defended Mr. Leask's client (Christie) in Shanghai. Christie did not to the witness's knowledge see Kentwell, but he said that he would look him up. The witness certainly did not try to arrange a meeting between Christie and Kentwell. He (Haynes) only saw Kentwell once in Hong Kong. He was coming out of the Hotel Savoy, and they had a drink together.

Mr. Leask: Have you tried to run any papers in Hong Kong? Yes, "The Ladies' Weekly."

What was the fate of that paper? —The fate was this, the so-called business manager, an Australian, helped himself to—I may say embezzled—sundry sums of money, and was convicted before Major Wilson.

No breath of suspicion against you in connection with it?—I certainly don't think so. I saw the Crown Solicitor on the whole matter, so the paper closed.

Who closed it down? Was it closed by the authorities?—The authorities? Certainly not. It started on very limited capital, relying on advertising. A man called Trevor embezzled certain sums of money and I could not carry on the printing bill.

"A Man From Saigon."

Dealing with Haynes's evidence, Mr. Leask said: "You said most of the time during your conversations with Christie was taken up in talking about arms?"

Haynes: Yes. He offered me \$1,000 to pose as a man from Saigon to certain Chinese coming from Canton.

Answering another suggestion that at these meetings arms were chiefly discussed, Haynes said that seventy-five per cent. of the conversations were about arms.

Mr. Leask then suggested that the question of arms was brought up by Haynes and not by Christie, and Haynes replied that he was definitely asked to act. It was not true that the witness wanted to act and that Christie refused to allow him to take part.

Haynes gave an answer of "Absolutely no" to a suggestion by Mr. Leask that it was for the reason that he was not allowed to participate that the witness reported to the police. Haynes said that he did not wish to deal in arms or drugs. He did not wish to know Christie and could not afford to do so. This was his reply to Mr. Leask's question as to what reason he had for reporting to the police. He added: "I realise now that I might lay myself open to somebody 'waking sleeping dogs,' but I did not realise it at that time."

Asked what he meant by "sleeping dogs," Haynes replied "Court officials."

Mr. Leask: Does it mean that you were afraid you might be implicated, having had conversation with the first defendant?—No.

Mr. Lindsell: It certainly meant that.

Witness: I had no desire to deal in drugs or in arms and I never wished to be on intimate terms with Christie, and in my present position I cannot afford to. My first inclination was to write him a chit.

Mr. Leask: Would it not have been enough to tell Mr. King and leave it there?—I thought it would end there.

Arms and Heroin.

Asked about his first interview with Christie at Victoria Gardens on a Saturday, when as the witness stated, three quarters of the time was occupied in talking about a deal in arms, and subsequently switched to a mention of a deal in heroin in which Christie asked him to get in touch with buyers for him, Haynes said that he would not say that Christie asked him to do it, but he said: "If you can, there will be a little commission for you."

Mr. Leask asked why a man like Christie whom Haynes knew, to have been 20 years on the China

coast should ask him to introduce Chinese buyers, and Haynes said: I can only assume that he thought I was safe. My assumption is that, knowing I was involved with his colleague in London, he thought I was safe. He apparently gave me very full confidence.

Mr. Leask: Which you abused.

Witness: Rightly or wrongly.

Referring to Haynes's mention of Christie's statement that a consignment was taken to Shanghai by a man named "Georgie," Mr. Leask suggested that the name "Georgie" was never mentioned in Hong Kong.

Haynes replied that at the hotel he was told to get a telegram addressed to "Georgie" from the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, and he told Christie that he was known at the Telegraph Company. This conversation he telephoned to the police.

Answering another question, Haynes said that he did not collect Christie and a man named "Georgie" negotiating for a ship, the "Talbot," in Shanghai. He admitted, however, that he had heard of the "Talbot."

By Mr. Lindsell: He never met the man "Georgie."

Mr. Leask suggested that the only time "Georgie" was mentioned to Haynes was in connection with the "Talbot" in Shanghai, and this Haynes denied. He said it was certainly never mentioned in Shanghai.

Mr. Leask: Although you were reporting the case?—Yes, I have my copies, of the "Shanghai Mercury." It is about an arms seizure.

Mr. Leask: When you introduced the first witness, Au Yeung, to the first defendant, what did you introduce him as?—First of all as "my man" and then as a brother of a former pupil of mine.

Mr. Leask: And also as a wealthy merchant from the Straits interested in oil?

Witness: Oil? Never! Oil was never mentioned at any time.

Was there no suggestion that this wealthy Chinese was going to open up agencies in South China?

Witness: Certainly not. There was no suggestion of any deal of any nature in oil.

"Long Life" Oil.

Asked further questions, Haynes said that he never heard of "Long Life" oil. He also said that when Christie and Bluhm saw him at St. George Hotel on November 8 he was with Sergeant Baker. He did not mention when giving evidence that Sergeant Baker was present because he was not asked.

He added that when Christie was introduced to Baker, he (Haynes) was nervous and shaking like a leaf.

He introduced Baker as Mr. Jessman, and shortly afterwards Baker left. Christie was very keen to know who the man was, and witness said that he was out of a job and wanted to borrow \$10.

He certainly did not say that he was keeping and assisting him. He did mention that Baker or Jessman was a man (Haynes) had known years ago down in the Straits.

Mr. Leask suggested that Haynes said Baker was one of those Straits bums, and Haynes denied this, adding:—"I said he was a hanger on and that he was one of poor Frank Lammert's pals. Frank Lammert was very well known for helping people in public."

Led back to the telegram from "Georgie," Haynes said he did not know what code was used, neither could he remember the number or the date of the cable.

In further cross-examination, Haynes said that the \$300 handed by Au Yeung to Christie was on account of expenses in connection with Bluhm's trip to Shanghai and back, but it was understood all

along that this amount was to be deducted from the prices of the goods.

Arising from Haynes's previous statement that he was not told by Christie of the gold mine of Siam Mr. King put a corroborative question to witness, and got the reply that Haynes has never had access to any time to Christie's documents.

Other Evidence.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, and Government Monopoly Analyst, gave formal evidence that neither of the accused had permits to deal in drugs. He then said that amongst the different brands of morphine, the Hoffmann La Roche, of Swiss origin, and the Merck, of German make, were two well-known brands. Morphine changed hands at this part of the world at \$300 per lb., or over \$600 per kilogram.

Miss Annie Cordeiro, the Portuguese girl typist employed by Christie, said that she had been working in the office in the first floor of No. 480, Nathan Road, only two days previous to the police visit. On that day she was told by Christie to go home when Haynes and the Chinese arrived, and returned at her usual hour in the afternoon to find that the police had been there.

A son of the landlady of the house in evidence stated that he was promised a cheque by Christie for the rent, but when he called again the following day, Christie had not

been able to get back for Lane, Crawford's was the cigarette case, which accused had pawned in the Colony.

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EURASIAN CHARGED

OBTAINING GOODS BY FRAUD.

ADMISSION OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Because the complainant in the second charge was not present in Court, Major C. Willson yesterday remanded a Eurasian named A. J. Simon who was charged with (1) obtaining credit to the extent of \$191.45 from Lane, Crawford, Ltd., with intent to defraud, and (2) embezzlement of \$35, the property of Royal and Company, where he was employed as money collector and shop fitter.

Accused pleaded "guilty" to both charges.

Sergeant Rozesky said that during the time the accused was employed by Royal and Company, he sent a coolie to Lane, Crawford's with white for chocolates and cigarettes on credit. Then the accused became bolder and took shoes, a raincoat, a watch, and a cigarette case on credit. Most of the stuff were pawned by accused in Macao and not recovered. The only thing that the police had been able to get back for Lane, Crawford's was the cigarette case, which accused had pawned in the Colony.

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KOWLOON FIRE.

LUCKY ESTATE OF THE INMATES.

In connection with the fire on the Laichikok Road (reported yesterday), a police report this morning stated that the fire started on the ground floor of house No. 64, occupied by furniture workers, many of whom had a lucky escape by jumping from the cockloft on which they were sleeping. This ratan shop was not covered by insurance.

The fire, the origin of which is still unknown, spread rapidly to Nos. 60 and 62 on one side of the burning house, and the Nos. 66 and 68 on the other side. Nos. 64 and 68 were completely gutted, whilst Nos. 60 and 62 suffered a lot of damage by fire and water. No. 66 was the least affected of all the houses involved.

The firemen were handicapped in their work when the roofs of the houses collapsed. The extent of the damage done is still not ascertained.

RUBBER AND TIN.

LATEST QUOTATIONS IN STRAITS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on rubber and mining shares:

Allenby	\$3.05
Ayer Moles	2.45
Glenaly	3.15
Jimah	2.85
Kedah	4.50
Maluka Pinda	2.60
Pajama	2.90
Dividends,	
Narborough (F.M.S.)	5% Final
Rubber Co.	5% Interim

carry them very far as they were in code. In his turn Mr. King applied for permission to put in further seized documents as might be necessitated by the production of the cables.

Mr. King said that the cables would not be dealt with until this afternoon.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

To-day—Theatre Royal: "The Quaints" present their successful musical comedy "The Blue Train," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Show."

To-day—World Theatre; "A Hero on Horseback."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Dancing Mothers."

December 4-5—Queen's Theatre; "The Flaming Forest."

December 4-5—World Theatre; "The Rainmaker."

December 4-6—Star Theatre; "Wet Paint."

December 5—Royal Engineers' dance, R.E. Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

December 5—Demonstration at Helena May Institute on "Japanese Flower Placing," 5.30 p.m.

December 6-7—Queen's Theatre; "Alias the Deacon."

December 6-7—World Theatre; "The Black Pirate."

December 6-7—Star Theatre; "Minstrelsy."

December 8-10—Queen's Theatre; "Don Juan."

December 8-10—World Theatre; "For Heaven's Sake."

December 8-10—Star Theatre; "Oh! What a Nurse."

December 9—at Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merry England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—K.O.S.B. Boxing Tournament, Murray Barracks, 8 p.m.

December 3—Theatre Royal; Second Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, 9.15 p.m.

December 3—Autumn meeting of the Fanling Hunt.

December 11—Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

Lammerts Auction.

December 5—Sale of one lot of Crown Land at Kowloon; at P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Meeting.

December 21—General meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Bldg., 2 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Y.M.C.A. debate with Oregon University debaters, 9 p.m.

December 4—St. Vincent de Paul's "Al Fresco Fete," Cathedral Compound, Glenelny.

December 6—Sale of work in Helena May Institute, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

December 6—Free lecture on Christian Science, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

December 7-8—Official opening of New Territories Agricultural Show at Sheungshui, at 2.30 p.m.

December 12—St. Stephen's College begins new school year.

FATAL FALL.

SEQUEL TO POLICE RAID IN KOWLOON.

A Chinese was yesterday removed from the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and legs, which was supposed to have been caused through a fall from the third floor of No. 125 Umman Street, Shamshuipo, in attempting to escape during a police raid on the house conducted by Sub-Inspector Chavalier at 2 a.m. The man died in the hospital at 7.10 a.m.



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CHINA NEWS, LOCAL NEWS
AND ALL THE NEWS

SEND IT HOME!

Political vultures from all parts of China are casting covetous eyes on Canton, rival forces being at work to prevent hostile factions getting into power or approaching too near.

There are indications that help will be forthcoming for the Kwangsi Party in their attempt, if sustained, to recover control of the Canton Government from the Ironsides.

Military complications may affect the whole situation in the east of Kwangtung and several armies may soon threaten Swatow again.

The General in command at Kongmoon has declared his independence of Canton.

The Diplomatic Corps in Peking have held more than one meeting recently to discuss piracy, but no announcement has been made so far regarding the contemplated steps. It is understood that the Ministers are still awaiting instructions from their respective Governments.

Full reports of the interport cricket matches are given in this week's "Overland China Mail."

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Members of the St. George's Society are requested to send in their names as soon as possible for the forthcoming Ball.

The ships' company of H.M.S. "Titania" held a very successful and enjoyable dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant last evening.

One case of diphtheria and one of enteric fever were reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Wednesday. Both were Chinese and the diphtheria case was imported.

London, Nov. 14.—Lieut-General Sir Archibald A. Montgomery Massingberd has been appointed to the Southern Command, in succession to General Sir Alexander J. Godley. The appointment will date from June 17, 1928.

A farcical sketch, entitled "Parker P. C." is being given at the Naval Canteen Theatre for tonight and tomorrow night by the Argus Concert Party. The show commences at 8.30. Part of the proceeds will go to charity.

Paris, Nov. 17.—Twelve million much prized Marennes oysters were washed away by the gale from the famous beds in the Bay of Biscay near Gironde estuary. Thirty-three vessels were engaged in the oyster fishery.

Mr. R. K. Butler, assistant general manager of the Hong Kong Amusements, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon on the Repulse Bay Road near the junction of the road to Shek O through the skidding of his motor cycle.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) is returning to the Colony on the "Fushimi Maru" this evening. During his short stay in Shanghai, after a visit to Peking, he was entertained at dinner by the British Chamber of Commerce at the Shanghai Club.

Mrs. McCordack, living at Harbour View, No. 10, Chatham Road, has reported to the police that some time between noon on October 27 and noon on the 1st instant, someone opened a cabin trunk in her room by means of a duplicate key and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$455.20.

Tokyo, Nov. 16.—After a close investigation into the cause of the disaster to the dirigible N-3, and after also considering the possibilities of aircraft of the same type from the strategical and tactical viewpoints, the Naval Authorities have decided to construct a substitute in Japan with Japanese materials, to be completed in 12 months, at a cost of £20,000.

An \$800,000 order has been received by Messrs. Henry Simon, Ltd., flour mill engineers, of Manchester, from the Buenos Aires Great Southern Railway for grain-handling equipment at Bahia Blanca, Argentina. The order is for a granary of 80,000 tons capacity, or a capacity of 3,000,000 bushels of wheat, and for a considerable amount of machinery for dealing with grain at the port.

Winnipeg.—The Canadian wheat pool has made a final payment of \$3,800,000 to contract holders for last season's crop, bringing the total paid to farmers since the Alberta pool was organised four years ago up to £124,800,000. The cost of handling the wheat was one-tenth of a penny per bushel, and the price paid for No. 1 Northern wheat was 5s. 1d. The pool handled 57 per cent. of the wheat marketed last season.

Mr. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, recently inspected the Murray Valley settlements. When the party reached Morgan some of its members were humming a parody of a well-known song introduced at the parliamentary dinner the previous evening, the refrain of which ran: "You promised us Preference some day in June." Mr. Amery urged upon the settlers the necessity of maintaining a high standard, as women were Empire shoppers and purchased only the best.

An engagement is announced between Miss Nancy Tennant, youngest daughter of the late Sir Charles Tennant and Mrs. Geoffrey Lubbock, and Mr. Sylvester Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gates, of 16, Denbigh-gardens, Richmond, Surrey. Miss Tennant, who is 23, is a half-sister of Lady Oxford and Asquith and of the late Lord Glenconner. Born when her father was 81, she is one of three sisters by his second wife, the elder of whom married Captain John Loder, Conservative M.P. for East Leicester.

Two frescoes by David, a celebrated Napolonian painter, have been discovered at the Paris Chamber of Deputies, thanks to the efforts of M. Fernand Boulton (President of the Chamber) on behalf of the occupants of the Press gallery. Having been told that the gallery staff had inadequate accommodation for writing and telephoning, he inspected the rooms at the rear and ordered a wooden partition to be removed. Behind it was found a gallery full of lumber and two large frescoes by the celebrated painter.

Mr. Instone Brewer left by the s.s. "Sarpedon" on Wednesday for Singapore.

The office of the Peruvian Consulate General has been removed to No. 18c, Macdonnell Road.

Radiotelegrams are now accepted at the Radio Counter, 1st floor, Government Building, for transmission via Hanol to Bangkok and all parts of Siam at the rate of 80 cents (\$0.80) per word.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Carl Friedrich Rolf Heyn, merchant, residing at No. 6-8, Rue Courbet, Tientsin, and Miss Ingeborg Gertrude Kleeb Goertzen, en route to this Colony on the "Derflinger."

Bordenau, Nov. 14.—At Lignières, the marriage of H.R.H. Prince Xavier de Bourbon-Parme with the Princess Madeleine de Bourbon-Bressac has been celebrated. The ex-Empress Zita of Austria assisted at the ceremony.

The P.W.D. Report for 1926 states that during the year 70 mortar samples were taken and tests carried out. There were a number of prosecutions, and convictions were recorded in all cases but one, the fine totalling \$1,225.

Madras, Nov. 10.—A sea monster believed to be a whale, 94 feet long and 50 feet broad, has been washed ashore off Cochin. A sailor, from the top of the mast of a tiny craft carrying a cargo of rice, noticing its threatening approach, shot it dead.



Sir Charles Batho, newly elected Lord Mayor of London.

Dame Maria Louise Charlotte Rodger, of Villa San Michele, San Domenico di Fiesole, Florence, Italy, died on July 24, and was the widow of Sir John Rodger, K.C.M.G., a former Resident of Perak, left estate in England of the gross value of £7,800.

Rangoon, Nov. 14.—It is reported that an expedition will shortly be sent to the Triangle to complete the work of emancipating the slaves. It is expected an expedition will also be sent to Nagahill to enforce the British Government's policy of suppressing the practice of making human sacrifices.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Admiral W. H. G. Bullard, chairman of the newly created Federal Radio Commission, died here to-day suddenly during sleep. He recently told friends that he was suffering from high blood pressure, and was expecting to rest several days after undergoing an operation for tonsilitis.

Feature films showing in the local cinemas to-day besides John Gilbert's big picture, "The Show," at the Queen's Theatre, include "Dancing Mothers," a story of New York's fast set, at the Star Theatre, with Conway Tearle and Alice Joyce in the leading roles, and Root Gibson's latest Western comedy, "A Hero on Horseback," at the World Theatre.

Melbourne.—The Federal Government, it is announced, has decided to contribute \$50,000 toward the cost of further oil surveys in Papua and New Guinea, under an agreement with the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, whose deputy-chief geologist, Dr. Richardson, will direct the surveys. The new work will incorporate the results of partial investigations already made by several oil companies in Papua.

"I was the first conductor in England to introduce women into my orchestra," said Sir Henry Wood recently, replying to a presentation made to him at the Royal Academy of Music, W. He continued: "Although they may not be suited to play the trombone and such instruments, they are as good an instrument as the violin, viola, and cello." Sir Henry complained that many rich men, so far from giving anything to the cause of music, seldom paid for their tickets but demanded free ones. It was the struggling worker who was willing to stand for hours and nobly pay to hear good music.

Teakwood worth \$200 was yesterday reported stolen from a matted of the Sang Kee firm of contractors, near the Pohing Theatre.

In the new issue of the Queen's College magazine, the "Yellow Dragon," "A. H. C." writes on the flowering plants of Hong Kong, with diagrams.

The total number of lamps in use at the end of 1926 in the City and its precincts was 1,559, an increase of 30 over the previous year and in the Hill District 222, an increase of 20 as compared with the previous year.

Among passengers departing on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Sarpedon" in addition to the Malaya cricket team, were Mr. J. S. McLaren, Mr. G. A. Diss, Commander C. Cartwright, R.N.R., Lady French and Dr. and Mrs. H. Fowler.

Berlin, Nov. 10.—America will take over the financial in addition to the military commitments of Nicaragua, says a report from New York. An American financial adviser proceeds to Nicaragua to supervise the utilisation of the American loan which will be granted forthwith.

New York, Nov. 14.—The Hudson River tunnel between New York and New Jersey, officially opened yesterday, are the world's largest and cost \$47,500,000. Their construction occupied seven years. They are to provide roadway beneath the River capable of carrying 3,800 motor vehicles hourly.

A deputation representing 689,000 railway employees has presented to the Lord Mayor of London an album containing an illuminated address, with 1,200 signatures, as a souvenir of the recent occasion when, for the first time, railway men of all grades were entertained at the Mansion House.

The older generation of residents of Hong Kong, Macao and Canton will hear with regret of the death a few days ago at his home in Farnham, Surrey, of Mr. S. E. Beeton, for many years a member of the firm of Herbert Dent & Co., Canton. Mr. Beeton has a son, Captain W. G. R. Beeton, now in Hong Kong with his regiment, the Queen's Royal Regiment.

London, Nov. 13.—The prospective Conservative candidate for the next election for Forest of Dean having withdrawn, the Divisional Association will consider the name of Mr. Walter Stewart Davies, a retired Government of India official, who said that if he were adopted he would fight two or three campaigns if he could thereby wrest the seat from Labour.

Local estate amounting to \$8,200 was left by Leung Wing-shang, late of Poon Tong village, Kwangtung, probate of which has been granted to his son, Leung Shiu-lu, 71 Peel Street, Hong Kong. Decades makes several family bequests, including provision for his concubine, directing that his son shall be personally responsible for her maintenance.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade received another call shortly before 8 o'clock last night from Mongkoktsui and despatched three appliances. The fire was on the first floor of No. 15, Kremer Street. In a few minutes the firemen put out the fire with the help of hand buckets and the engine returned to their stations. Damage done was very slight.

Bordeaux, Nov. 16.—Following a Conference held in Cuba by various Parties, and on the Cuban Government's instigation, the delegates from Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia have decided to support Cuba's policy in making agreements between the World's producers and consumers of sugar. An International Committee of Control will be formed in order to increase adhesion on the part of other countries.

Budapest.—Speaking at the conference of the Government Party, the Hungarian Prime Minister, Count Bethlen, declared that the Government had nothing to do with Lord Rothermere's action in raising the question of the injustice done to Hungary by the Peace Treaty of Trianon, but as a Hungarian he wished to express the everlasting gratitude of the nation to his lordship for proclaiming to the whole world, in the most unselfish way, the justice of the Hungarian cause.

Athens.—The centenary of the battle of Navarino, the decisive battle in the Greek war of liberation, when the Turkish fleet was destroyed on October 20, 1827, by the fleets of Great Britain and her allies, was celebrated throughout Greece. The Press published long articles pointing out the importance of the historic event, and paying tribute to those who led the united fleets to victory. The day's proceedings commenced with a salvo of 21 guns fired by the British battleship "Hamilcar" and other warships. A civic welcome was accorded the delegations, including the British headed by Gen. Sir Alfred Codrington.

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MY NOTE BOOK.

FOOTBALL.

A Last Word on the Interport Games.

THOUGHTS ON SOCCER.

Local And Homeside Boxing
Tit Bits.

(By "The Tramp.")

Well considering the odds in their favour, Hong Kong have emerged from the Interport cricket tests as one might have expected. The Shanghai match I have already dealt with; the other two call for little comment beyond a deserved word of praise for Malaya "on account of their pluck in the face of unequal odds. Both opposing teams were much too strong for them, owing to circumstances over which they had no control. In my last notes I instanced one of the main handicaps of the side. Anyway, it put up a good fight. I have been promising myself—and my readers—to say something about our local Selection Committee and its ways. On second thoughts I won't. Not that I consider it justified itself by playing the same team against Malaya as against Shanghai in the face of almost universal contrary opinion, but because I am afraid I have left the matter too late. However, when another Interport affair looms before us I shall be there—or here—with bells on!

In addition to the always interesting cricket tourney the past week or so has provided us with more than our usual share of sporting fixtures, there being the races, competition golf, and exhibition tennis beside our regular soccer and hockey engagements. In football, I see, last year's champions, the Recreio, have had to bite the dust. China Athletic, defeating them last Saturday by the only goal of the match. The Athletics are in a very strong position at the head of the senior division, and it looks unlikely now that they have disposed of the Recreio, that they will be displaced. The Scots Guards are running second, though, as the Army tennis go this year, the Kosbies have got the best combination in the League. The others—the Queen's, Artillery and R.A.F.—are all good, and any of them at any time are likely to surprise whatever side they are up against. Neither the Hong Kong nor Kowloon Clubs seem to be able to get into their stride this season. Competition, of course, is now strong, but more, I think, is expected of these civilian teams, together with the Police, who have a likely lot of lads to pick a side from.

Friend "Josh" Brook announces a sparkling card for the second boxing tournament of the season. An outline of the contests has already appeared in these columns and an advertisement announces the premier bout, prices, times, etc. I hear that the programme looks better than the opening one did. If this is so, it is a corker!

Boxing news from Home and other places has been more than ordinarily interesting of late. Poor Elky Clark, it seems, has had definitely to retire from the ring owing to the injury to his eye. The disappearance of one title contender is balanced, however, by the reappearance of another, to wit Tommy Milligan who, I am glad to see, won his first fight over the "come back" hurdles following his beating at the hands (or fists) of Mickey Walker, who has been suspended in his own country for refusing to take on a match with someone I had never heard of before. Around the time he was suspended Walker beat Paul Berlenbach over ten rounds. Paul was a serious contender for middle weight honours not long ago, but seems to have fallen back.

Perhaps the most piquant bit of boxing news is contained in the report that Ted "Kid" Lewis has again started to fight—and to win. When will this fellow stop? He is not, of course, an old man. I have known him since he started at the game and would say he was about 35—which is not, however, so mighty youthful for a professional bruiser, whatever his class. But the point about Ted (we never called him "Kid") is the number of times he has given up the Noble Art and then returned to it. Even when at the height of his career he was likely to take a few months off for a pleasure trip somewhere or other. But when he was fighting—he fought, keeping himself in a many condition by engaging in as many contests as he could get. He was never so full of fire, however, after Roland Todd beat him twice, nullifying Ted's fierce fighting by splendid boxing ability.

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

F. A. CUP REPLAYS.

FIRST ROUND GAMES NOW COMPLETE.

11 GOALS IN 2 MATCHES.

Eleven goals were scored yesterday in two replayed ties in the first round of the competition proper of the Football Association Cup. Results (home team mentioned first) are as follow:

Norwich 5, Poole 0.
Rotherham 4, Spennymoor 2.
Reuter.

The score in each case was 1-all last Saturday when the games were played at Poole and Spennymoor respectively.

Norwich have thus qualified, at the second time of asking, and on their own ground. In the 2nd round, they will again be away from home, as they have to visit Luton. Rotherham have won the right to visit Bradford City.

SECOND ROUND DRAW.

The first round is now complete. The draw for the second round, on December 10, is as follows:

Gainsborough v. Lincoln C.
Bradford City v. Rotherham U.

Bradford v. Southport.
Crewe v. Stockport.
Wrexham v. Carlisle.
Darlington v. Rochdale.

Tranmere R. v. Halifax T.
New Brighton v. Rhyl.
Bournemouth v. Bristol R.
Gillingham v. Southend U.
Luton v. Norwich C.

Charlton A. v. Kettering.
Swindon T. v. Crystal Palace.
Peterborough v. Aldershot T.
Northampton T. v. Brighton.
Exeter v. Ilford.

London Caledonians v. Bath C.

"BOOKIES" OR NOT?

TO-MORROW'S FANLING STEEPELCHASES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail".)

Sir.—There are rumours current that there will not be any bookmakers at the Fanling Hunt on Saturday, and according to the morning papers no intimation has been made to the "pencillers."

Can you or the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt inform the interested followers of the meeting whether there will be the usual bookmakers or not?

Yours, etc.,
INTERESTED.

Hong Kong, Dec. 1.

[Note: As far as the turf correspondent of the "China Mail" is aware, there will be no bookie at the steeplechases to-morrow, for the time being, as no formal application has been made to the Hunt yet. From what is known, the Hunt is not opposed to nor has changed its opinion with regard to bookmakers on the Kwanti course.]

HUNTING ACCIDENT.

LADY CURRIE BADLY INJURED.

London, Oct. 23.

Lady Currie, wife of Sir William Crawfurd Currie met with a serious accident on the hunting field near Dagnall.

Her horse caught its foot in a bog when taking a hedge and threw its rider and rolled over her. She had to be removed to hospital for a fracture and dislocation of the hip and severe shock, but is progressing favourably.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

POLICE ARE TRAINING FOR WORK.

Amsterdam, Nov. 18.

The Dutch authorities have detached 250 picked policemen and are putting them through a special course of training for next year's Olympic Games.

Special attention is being given to methods of handling crowds. Courses in English, French, German and other languages are being given, so visitors will be assured of every courtesy and consideration.

The most attractive items on the junior Card are the matches between the Chinese Athletic Reserves and the H.K.F.C. Reserves at the Valley, and Kowloon Reserves at Kowloon. The H.K.F.C. Reserves should again beat the Athletic Reserves if the strong selected team turns out, without disappointment, and the Borderers will have to strike a very bad patch if they fail to secure the points against Kowloon Reserves. This is hardly likely and the Regiment should continue their striking successes also in the junior struggle, and although not likely seriously to challenge the Borderers' position their recent successes give them big hopes of finishing runners up in this division. They must not take the R.A. Reserves lightly as the latter are a capable lot.

The form of the selected players in the interport trial match on Wednesday last was encouraging. For and aft the interporters gave a polished display. The Guards started shakily, their usually safe backs, misfiring unaccountably in the first quarter of the game, and Alexander and Vernon (2) quickly took toll. After the interporters led by three goals, however, the Guards who should have scored at least one goal, made quite a big show in spite of the cleverness of the opposition. Mc Niven and Chapman scored for them and Gosano (2) and Alexander added for the interport team. As stated the Guards' backs did not strike their real form till too late and Carswell worked heroically against a very live attack. Mc Niven missed two sitters as also did Smith, but they were the pick of the forwards.

There was no real weakness on the interport side, the players jumping right into their stride. Vernon is good enough for the interport, if we had no Gosano, and I think Suen Kum-shun might suit his club mate, Tao Kwei-shing, on the right wing and let Mc Clinchey in with Alexander who played a sparkling individual game. Gosano is too good to shift and this forward line would be hard to improve. The halves appear fixtures for selection, but a left full back with the interport temperament is required to partner Wynn. The last line of defence is a safe thing for Clarke or Rodger Grenwell.

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STEEL COULSON'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WIN FOR THE WARDERS.

The Warders and St. Patrick's Club having equal points after all games had been played met at the Dockyard Recreation Club on Wednesday evening to decide the championship.

There was a large attendance and close and interesting games were witnessed, the Warders eventually winning by 24 points.

At the conclusion of the match the Secretary spoke of the good spirit in which the League had been fought, also of the chance the League had given the various Clubs and Messes to meet each other. The standard of billiards throughout was very high, with Mr. Jones of the Dockyard Recreation Club the outstanding player. He thanked the officials of the D.R.C. and the referee, and the marker for their work that evening, which was undoubtedly a great success.

Mr. Ruttonjee was unable to be present through sickness and his representative, Mr. Scholes, then kindly distributed the prizes.

Mr. Gooding, the Captain of the Warders' team, received the Challenge Cup and each member a souvenir in the form of a silver Cue and rest crossed with three balls under the arch, and mounted on a silver base with a blackwood stand.

Mr. Jones, of the D.R.C., received the cue and case for the biggest break 82 unfinished. He also took the prize for the biggest win 104 (a hamper containing eight bottles of various wines and spirits).

With the exception of the Cup, which was donated by Messrs. Steel Coulson & Co., all other prizes were generously given by Mr. Ruttonjee to whom a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

TAINTED PORK.

CHINESE FINED \$100 IN POLICE COURT.

Remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a charge of possession with a view to sale of tainted pork, the Chinese who admitted that he intended to use the pork fat to make lard, was again before the Court this morning when a further charge of making lard which was unfit for human consumption was preferred against him. He was fined \$100 on each charge.

...what is called hard labour, but what in other walks of life is generally called a light job—Judge Grenwell.

There seems to be something wrong with almost everything—

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LEE THEATRE SUED.

BOARD & LODGING FOR PLAYERS.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM.

At the Summary Court yesterday, Mrs. X. S. H. Bibla, Room 5, Nathan House, sued Mr. Lee Hy-san, proprietor of the Lee Theatre and Lee Gardens, for \$779 in respect of an agreement for the engaging of the Oriental Strolling Players to perform at the Lee Theatre.

Plaintiff claimed that under a clause in the agreement for the engagement of the Players, Mr. Lee Hy-san was liable for board and lodging for them, the sum claimed being in respect of this.

Plaintiff, in evidence, referred to a visit to Shanghai when she engaged the Oriental Players on behalf of the defendant. The actual contract she took to Shanghai did not include the clause relating to lodgings but was written in by plaintiff. She cabled to Hong Kong about it. Mr. Lee Hy-san had agreed to it verbally and promised to write a letter confirming the clause.

Confirmation was, however, not forthcoming in spite of repeated requests both to Mr. Lee Hy-san and Mr. Hancock who had acted sometimes as Mr. Lee Hy-san's agent.

Plaintiff continued that unless confirmation was forthcoming she told Mr. Hancock that there could be no show but Mr. Hancock told her that Mr. Lee Hy-san would be at the Theatre that night (the night of the first show). No letter was forthcoming but as the artistes were present the show was given. Mr. Lee Hy-san later referred to Mr. Hancock for the money.

No Authority?

In cross-examination by Mr. Hugh Jones (for defendant) plaintiff, whilst admitting that the clause relating to board and lodging had been put in by her, maintained that she had authority to do so.

Plaintiff further stated that she had to make herself responsible for the artistes and generally look after them as there was no one to meet them on arrival. She had had to advance money to the landlord in advance.

One of the artistes, Mdlle. A. Chaillat, spoke of additons being made to the contract in Shanghai and said that in Hong Kong Mr. Hancock said that everything would be arranged.

Mr. Hugh-Jones said that they frankly admitted that as between the artistes and Mr. Lee Hy-san agreements were ratified. If the artistes had not been provided with board and lodging they could have come down on Mr. Lee. The only object of his cross-examination was to show that plaintiff acted without authority. There was no doubt that the contracts were accepted down here as regards the artistes

themselves. As a matter of fact arrangements had been made with someone else to provide accommodation and that was why it was not included in the contract.

No Case To Answer.

Mr. Hugh-Jones submitted that he had no case to answer, and suggested that from plaintiff's evidence she incurred the liability without authority to pay bills. He suggested that plaintiff's agency ceased the moment she arrived back in Hong Kong and she had nothing to do with lodgings for these artistes.

His Lordship agreed.

Mr. Hugh-Jones said that as the case stood now it would appear as if Mr. Lee was treating them rather harshly. The arrangements were made, not with plaintiff, but with her husband, Mr. Astroff. That was why she received the letters when she returned to Hong Kong. Mr. Astroff was engaged in the Theatre with this particular company and he had a salary of \$150 a night, out of which he was expected to provide the board and lodging of this troupe. Mr. Hugh Jones believed that Mr. Astroff was sponsoring the company in Hong Kong and was to take them to Malta.

His Lordship remarked that plaintiff had failed to establish that she had any authority from Mr. Lee to incur these expenses.

His Lordship entered judgment for defendant.

Mr. Hugh-Jones intimated that defendant waived his right to costs.

ALLEGED THIEF.

CHINESE YOUTH REMANDED TO WEDNESDAY.

The Chinese youth who was remanded by Major C. Wilson on a charge of stealing motor car parts from a vehicle in Statue Square, was again in Court this morning when Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence and asked for a date to be fixed for the hearing of the case.

Major Wilson fixed next Wednesday at noon, and allowed bail in the sum of \$100.

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DRAMATIC GOSSIP.
A NEW MANAGEMENT IN PARTNERSHIP.

M. Willson Disher writes in the "Weekly Scotman":—
Studies of the drama are generally based on the idea that development depends on the dramatist. As a matter of fact, all progress does depend on the exercise of his brains originally. But there would be very small chance for his ideas to grow without tending. For practical purposes, the history of the theatre is the history of managements.

In this light, we may see the importance of a new partnership which has come into being in the West End. At Wyndham's Leon M. Lion is now acting in association with Edith Evans. An imaginative and daring producer—leaving out of account Mr. Lion's fine record as an actor—is thus working for the drama shoulder to shoulder with an actress whose supremacy in the acting of comedy is almost unquestioned.

Inspiring the Playwright.

Splendid achievements are possible through such an arrangement. Able, if need be, to leave the difficult task of finding suitable plays and presenting them in favourable circumstances, to her partner, Miss Evans should be able to reveal her powers to the full. Six years ago she played in his production of "The Three Daughters of M. Dupont." That performance, in my eyes, provided the first unmistakable evidence that she had gifts far above the ordinary.

That is a happy augury—or perhaps I should call it significant evidence—for the future. Now the new regime is established at Wyndham's, Edith Evans should prove an inspiration to playwrights. History tends to prove that such settled circumstances are the most suitable for the creation of drama.

"The Lady in Law."

To increase the brightness of these prospects, the partnership's opening production is a delight. It is an English version by Bertha Murray of a French piece, called "Maître Bolbec et Son Mari," by Georges Barré and Louis Verneuil. As the wit of that title is entirely lost in a literal translation—"Bolbec, K.C., and Her Husband" would not be a title at all—the English play is called, "The Lady in Law."

Verneuil is a most prolific author, and we have seen a good deal of his work. So far, however, I have not come across anything from his pen to equal this sparkling criticism of the problems of modern marriage. Husband as Housekeeper.

Maître Bolbec (Colette) is a woman barrister whose fame is widely spreading. Briefs fall upon her desk so thick and fast that she has no time for anything but work. When the coal merchant delivers the wrong sort of anthracite; and the table napkins dwindle in number to three, it is her husband who is called upon to put matters right.

While disconsolately wandering in what should be her drawing-room he gets into conversation with one of her clients. This is an empty-headed little woman, who wants a divorce. She is very unhappy because she has no one to cook for but herself. When Edmond Bolbec hears of this, he walks straight up to her, kisses her, and takes her out to lunch.

Being Feminine.

Though Colette had found her husband's entreaties tiresome until this meeting, she now worries because he no longer begs her to spare him a few minutes. Jealousy overcomes her to such an extent that he has no difficulty in persuading her to throw up her practice.

Immediately she has yielded to the claims of love, however, she throws herself heart and soul into being feminine. Edmond is now neglected because she has so many social engagements. In addition, she begins to take a romantic interest in Valençin, who had merely been her secretary until this change occurred.

Back to the Briefs.

In the end, the husband is only too anxious that Colette should become Maître Bolbec once more. He

listens to her client's pleas that she must not retire before conducting their cases, and he uses all the skill he possesses in bringing such prayers to her notice. In the end she consents—she is very pleased with the idea of having Valençin as her secretary once more.

Possibly the French play ends here. In the English version, Edmond discovers what is in the wind. He gives Valençin his marching orders and offers himself for the post of secretary.

Poking Fun at the Law.

It is an ancient tradition of French comedy to make fun of lawyers, and no little of the fun of "The Lady in Law" consists of travesties of special pleading.

There is a poor little cashier who had been promised a legacy of 150,000 francs by his late employer. He has now seen in the will that he will only receive 40,000 francs, and this is not enough to win the lady of his heart.

He is advised to add a little nought to make the amount 400,000. He does so, but the result is a charge of forgery. When he returns to Maître Bolbec, she advises him to steal exactly 150,000 francs so that he could plead a "crime of passion."

She will get him acquitted by arguing (1) that a man who had been left 400,000 francs would not steal 150,000, and (2) that a man who had possessed himself of the 150,000 francs he needed would not commit forgery.

Edith Evans's Style.

Whatever doubts I may have had concerning whether Edith Evans could live up to her soaring reputation are now removed. She cannot obliterate my admiration of Irene Vanbrugh, Athene Seyler, and other actresses who excel in comedy, but she definitely possesses a gift which is marvellous in its right setting.

Certainly "The Lady in Law" provides her with this. There would be little room here for Athene Seyler's craziness, or for Irene Vanbrugh's romance. On the other hand, for comedy which is drily critical of human foibles, the situations of this play are admirable. And it is in this vein that Edith Evans is at her best.

Frederick Leister.

To engage Frederick Leister to play opposite Miss Evans was an inspired measure. I have yet to see him in a part which he did not develop to its complete possibilities, but I had no idea that he could adapt himself to very sprightly comedy.

He wears a morning suit well and conducts himself in a manner which might make a stranger think he had spent his life trying to model himself on Seymour Hicks.

The poor little cashier, however, is still more effective—character acting always attracts the maximum amount of attention. In his study of harassed hope, O. B. Clarence keeps the audience laughing the whole time he is on the stage.

If . . .

Throughout the performance one may note the evidence of Leon M. Lion's thoroughness at rehearsals. From time to time in the past I have received many proofs of his extraordinary sense of suiting the action to the word, the word to the action. Occasionally I have felt inclined to abandon criticism in despair of developing an eye keen enough to discern all such points.

Fortunately for players, Leon M. Lion is a power to assist their efforts. Now if he was a critic . . .

I must not finish this review of "The Lady in Law" without a word of praise for Margaret Halstan. I have grown so accustomed to watching her in feminine parts that I was completely taken aback on seeing her as a woman doctor with a man-of-the-world manner.

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CINEMA WAR.
VIEWS OF SOME GERMAN PAPERS.

Berlin, November 15.

A trend toward arraigning European moviedom in a solid anti-American phalanx becomes more and more obvious. Hitherto, however, European movie magnates have been treading rather cautiously. But now, Germany has boldly taken the lead and a recent speech by Konsul Marx, prominent member of the new board of directors of the "Ufa," fairly let a whole batch of kittens out of the bag.

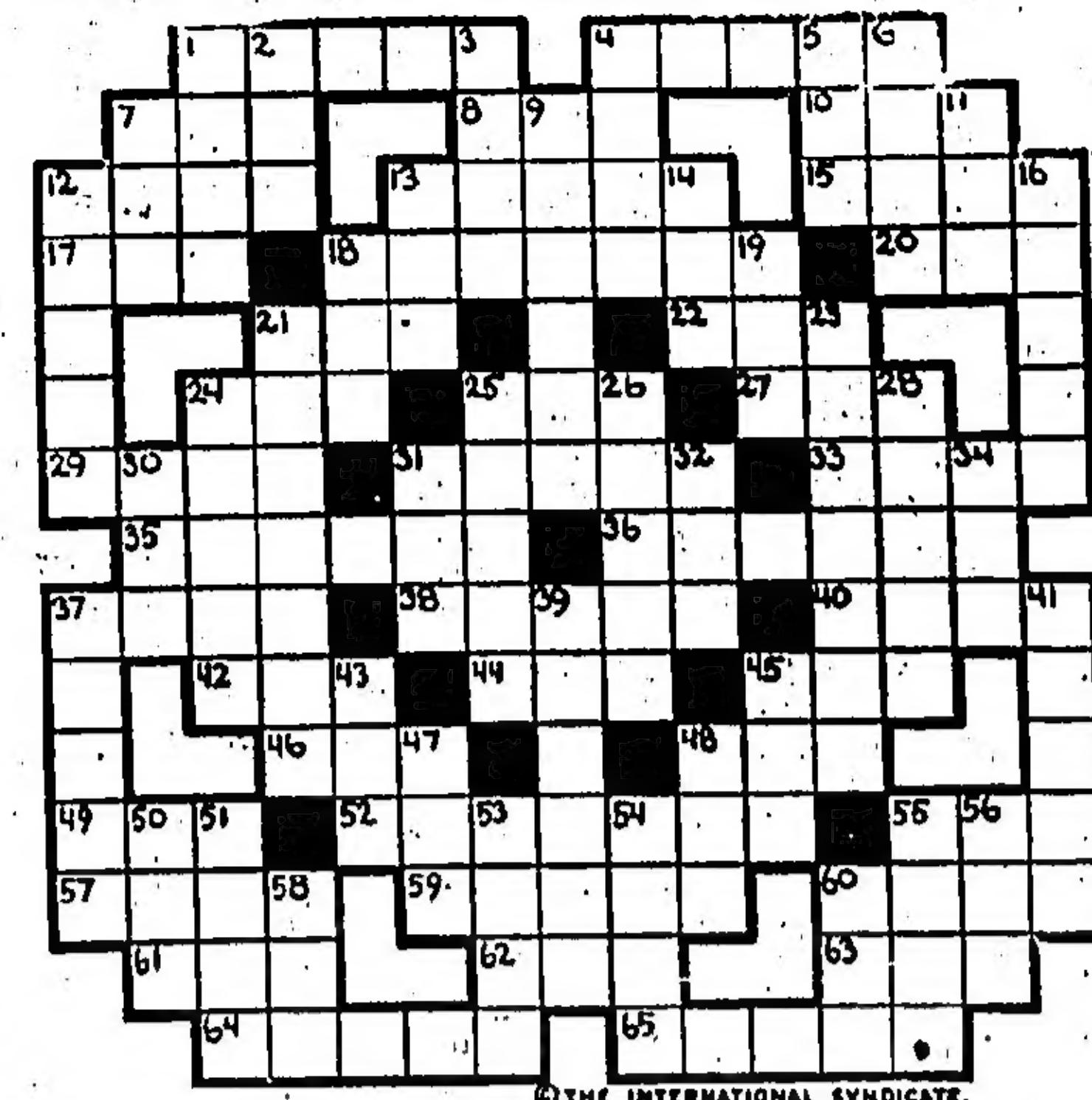
At a banquet of movie men in Budapest and much applauded by those present, Konsul Marx declared that the time was ripe for the formation of an All-European film alliance to ward off the "American invasion."

He urged European producers to bury the hatchet and abstain from the making of nationalist films. What was needed, he declared, was to unite in the production of "European pictures," featuring the "Kultur" of the old Continent as a counter-balance to "American sentimentalism."

The "Vossische Zeitung," commenting on the speech, calls it "the declaration of an underground commercial war" on American production. The newspaper expresses the hope that relations between German and American producers within the "Parufamet" concern may be cleared up unequivocally, "since it would be unbearable for all concerned if the Ufa would sign declarations of war with one hand while executing friendly handshakes with the other."—United Press.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-A mark of identification
- 4-Proclaim
- 7-Pronoun
- 8-A poem
- 10-Of little height
- 12-To put to flight
- 13-Like horn
- 15-Erudition
- 16-Was worthy of
- 20-An alkali solution
- 21-A male sheep
- 22-Turn
- 24-Came in contact with
- 25-Look
- 27-Small remuneration for service
- 29-Performed by two
- 31-A faint trace of color
- 33-Head
- 35-To suspend, on a string
- 36-Bandy
- 37-Nothing but
- 38-A number
- 40-Newspaper paragraph
- 42-Part of the head

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-A gamin (Local U. S.)
- 45-Lad
- 46-To convert skin into leather
- 48-Greek Mythology
- 49-In another
- 52-Moved to and fro in short quick movements
- 55-Double
- 57-Rotate
- 58-Slumber
- 60-Hurt
- 61-Also
- 62-Girl's name
- 63-Hotel
- 64-Endeavored
- 65-To throw
- 66-VERTICAL
- 67-A single turn
- 68-A sunken track
- 69-An entrance
- 70-Crooked
- 71-Slick
- 72-An implement
- 73-There
- 74-Pressed forward
- 75-Askew
- 76-Quick
- 77-The bottom of a skirt
- 78-Part of the head

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14-Affirmative answer
- 15-Weird
- 18-A floor covering
- 19-A small spot
- 21-To fall back
- 23-Arrangement of words
- 24-A gas measuring instrument
- 25-Vision
- 26-Incited
- 28-Small pie
- 30-Accustom
- 31-A high explosive (abbr.)
- 32-Before
- 34-A grain
- 37-Ascend
- 39-Torn and tattered
- 41-A fruit
- 43-Uncooked
- 45-Naughty
- 47-Part of verb "to be"
- 48-Vitality
- 50-Not in play
- 51-A horse's gait
- 53-Joyful
- 54-Part of a tree
- 55-Strong flavor
- 56-Callous
- 58-Away not (conj.)
- 60-To faster

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

FAMOUS FILM.

WORLD RECORD BROKEN BY "BEN HUR."

More than 1,200,000 people paid to see the film "Ben-Hur," which closed its record-making run of 49 weeks at the Tivoli Cinema, Strand, London, recently. The takings amounted in all to about £230,000, of which £30,000 has been paid in entertainment tax.

It is stated that the film has been booked at suburban London and provincial cinemas for a higher total figure than any other film, and it is estimated that £250,000 will be paid by British audiences.

The film cost £1,400,000 to produce.

A number of people is believed to have seen the film in London regularly each week. One woman saw it no fewer than 54 times.

Every member of the British Royal Family saw the film, a special performance of which was given at Windsor castle, and more than four ex-Prime Ministers.

The presentation of the film was stopped at the Tivoli only because it was due for general release.

The number of people who have seen this one film at one theatre is a world record.

DANCER'S SHAWL.

PURCHASED BY GIRL FOR \$2,000.

Nice, France, Nov. 11. At a price of \$2,000, the daughter of a Hawaiian sugar planter has purchased the shawl which caused the death of the famous American dancer Isadora Duncan.

This bit of fabric enwraps a gaudy episode. Miss Duncan was in her motor-car enjoying a fast drive. The shawl fluttered outside, caught in a spinning wheel, dragged the dancer over the side of the car and she was killed before the machine could be stopped.

At the funeral, Miss Duncan's chauffeur heaped flowers representing a month's wages upon her casket.

The first name of the purchaser was not learned. Her father's name is A. Nanas.

QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY.

British and Australian Films.

The British Film Institute held a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, London, in connection with the film depicting Oxford University life.

The High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Granville Ryrie) said the film would be very popular in Australia, where it would be free of duty. He hoped that Britain would repay the compliment by admitting free of duty Australian films now in bond.

Lord Birkenhead, who presided, agreed that this was a reasonable request.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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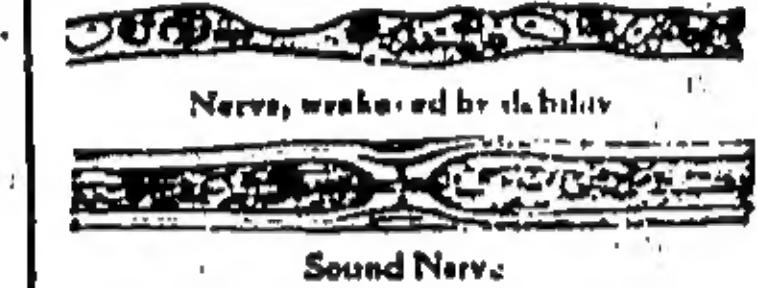
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VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR WEEK.

FURTHER CAMP ORDERS:

The following orders are issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps:

Hong Kong, Friday, December 2, 1927.

Annual Camp.

Full particulars regarding annual camp which take place between December 1 and December 18 have been issued to all ranks on November 18, 1927, by type written circular.

During the Camp Training Season December 1 to 19, 1927, only correspondence of a most urgent nature is to be addressed to Orderly Room.

Camp Telephone.

The Corps Headquarters Telephone number in camp is No. 250 (Government phone).

Corps Orders.

During Camp Training at Fanling, Corps Orders will be published on Thursdays, December 8 and December 15, instead of Fridays, December 9 and 16, 1927.

Artillery Company.

Parade at Corp Headquarters on Thursday, December 8, at 5.25 p.m. for Battery Drill.

"A" Group Signallers 5.20 p.m.

"B" Group Signallers 5.25 p.m.

Engineer Company.

Field Sections. The Sections will go to Camp from December 8 to December 12. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on December 8 at 5.15 p.m. in order to catch the 5.45 p.m. train.

Reserve Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, for M.G. Instruction. Dress: Mutt.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as follows:

No. 1222 Gunner F. H. Blundson, Artillery Co., dated November 24, 1927.

No. 1233 Pte. Lee Yuk-him, Medical Section dated November 28, 1927.

Promotions.

No. 609 B.Q.M.S. C. W. Langley (Artillery Co.) to be Battery Sergeant-Major as from November 29, 1927.

No. 516 Gunner J. Watson (Art. Co.) to be Bombarier, as from November 29, 1927.

No. 897 Sergt. J. W. Henderson (Armoured Car Co.) to be Company Sergeant-Major as from November 29, 1927.

No. 573 Pte. V. Goulburn (Armoured Car Co.) to be Transport Sergeant, as from November 29, 1927.

No. 938 Pte. V. M. Xavier (No. 9 Platoon) to be Corporal, as from November 29, 1927.

No. 950 L/Cpl. J. A. Delgado (No. 10 Platoon) to be Corporal, as from November 29, 1927.

Transfers.

No. 235 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies and No. 924 L/Cpl. S. C. Ho are transferred from the Medical Section to the Reserve Company, as from November 28, 1927.

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No. 409 Sergeant R. D. Read is transferred from the Armoured Car Company to the Corps Signals, as from November 29, 1927.

No. 227 Battery Sergeant-Major C. H. Summers is transferred from the Artillery Company to the Reserve Company, as from November 29, 1927.

Leave.

No. 492 Corp. A. C. I. Bowker, No. 1 Platoon is granted leave of absence from the Corps from December 1927, to November 30, 1928.

No. 224 L/Sgt. J. C. Fletcher, No. 7 Platoon rejoined from leave on November 26, 1927.

No. 516 Bdr. J. Watson, Artillery Company rejoined from leave on November 27, 1927.

Reversion.

No. 195 Bdr. A. W. Roberts, M.M. and No. 619 L/Cpl. J. Harrop, Artillery Company revert to the ranks at their own request, as from November 30, 1927.

Struck Off The Strength.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from November 25, 1927.

No. 539 Pte. H. G. Russell, M.I. Company.

On Medical Grounds, as from November 28, 1927.

No. 1189 Bandsman E. F. Nuttall, Corps Band.

No. 1183 Pte. H. R. Sequira, No. 9 Platoon.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major-Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

MOTOR FATALITY.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST DRIVER.

DATE OF HEARING.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindsell fixed next Tuesday afternoon for the opening of hearing in the case in which Sandi Khan, Mr. C. Bernard Brown's Indian chauffeur is charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese woman as the result of a motor accident in Connaught Road on the evening of November 21, when the woman and three other people were knocked down and injured. The woman was thrown heavily on her head on to the pavement and died a few moments after. The other three, two men and a woman, had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. Yesterday two additional charges were preferred against the accused, one of reck less driving and the other of failing to stop after the accident and to subsequently report the accident to the police.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. W. Schofield, Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the prosecution, withdrew charges against a partner of the Kwong Man Loong firm, of embezzlement of \$8,000 and making false entries in respect of the payment of \$8,000 to the Official Receiver. Mr. Loseby said that Mr. F. C. Jenkins had been consulted in the case, and it was on his advice that he was making the application to withdraw. Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, commented on the practice of rushing to Court for a summons and, after effecting an arrest, withdrawing when the case came up for hearing. Mr. Lo said that this practice should be discouraged, and invited his Worship in discharging the defendant to say that he did so without any stain on his character.

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BIG FLOODS.

250 EUROPEAN VICTIMS IN ALGERIA.

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Violette, the ex-Governor of Algeria, on his arrival at Marseilles, declared that the losses by floods in Algeria are estimated at 600,000 francs, with 250 European and probably 2,000 native victims.—Reuter.

MURDER OF GIRL.

TWO NATIVES RELEASED—ANOTHER DETAINED.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. The two natives arrested in connection with the murder of Irene Kanthack, daughter of Mr. F. E. Kanthack, have been released, and a third is now in custody.—Reuter.

The information shows that the party has sent out a general appeal to the peasants and small farmers of this province to overthrow the

CRIME WAVE.

Violence and Strikes in Shanghai.

AN OMINOUS FEATURE.

Six Pickets Fire On a Tramway Car.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The recent increased virulence of the Communist propaganda among the labouring classes has resulted in a serious growth of unrest, crimes of violence and of sporadic strikes, particularly in the cotton mills and the British Tobacco Company's works, resulting in tens of thousands of unemployed, while the ominous feature has been the walking out of employees of several of the cotton mills and works where the police had arrested paid agitators.

The House of Representatives, after two hours' Labourite uproar, adopted the Government motion to suspend the Standing Orders to discuss industrial troubles.

The Prime Minister (Mr. S. Bruce) asked the House to support the Government in any action to maintain the law and ensure the continuance of necessary services.—Reuter.

STRIKE SERIOUS.

Shipowners Declare Lockout.

BOTH SIDES ADAMANT.

Wages Grievances Of Waterside Workers.

Canberra, Yesterday.

The strike of the Australian waterside workers who refused to work overtime after 5 p.m. owing to wages grievances, is assuming serious proportions. The shipowners have declared an immediate lockout at all the ports, alleging that the workers decline to comply with the terms of the award of the Arbitration Court, which included working overtime. Both sides are adamant.

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50,000 Idle.

Sydney, Yesterday. In consequence of the waterside dispute 50,000 men will be idle tomorrow. The mines are already closing down.—Reuter.

80 Vessels Held Up.

Calcutta, Yesterday. In the House of Representatives, Mr. Bruce's motion was carried by 33 votes to 16 after strong Labour opposition.

A Melbourne report says that between 70 and 80 inter-State and overseas vessels are held up all over Australia.

Ten thousand workers are idle in Melbourne.—Reuter.

CHOLERA IN BENGAL.

2,139 DEATHS REPORTED LAST WEEK.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

Cholera has broken out in epidemic form throughout Bengal, except in Calcutta. Last week 3,703 cases were reported of which 2,139 proved fatal.—Reuter.

PICTIC DISASTER.

Body of Chinese Girl Found.

The body of a 17-year-old Chinese girl, which was picked up on the rocks at Chungpaikao, is believed to be that of one of the victims of the motor boat which caught fire at Saikung on November 27. It was taken to the Kowloon mortuary.

present administration and replace it by a proletarian regime. Shanghai, Wusih, Ihsing, Kiangyung, Taungming, Haiming, Yenchen and Huiyang are particularly mentioned as bases, but although nothing serious has happened in Shanghai, owing to strict precautions adopted by the authorities, serious disturbances have been reported in Ihsing and Wusih.

The Communist Party appeal is contained under the following heads:

1.—The labourers and peasants seize arms belonging to the military.

2.—That the gentry be carried off and their lands, houses, and other property be divided among the labourers and peasants.

3.—That the administration power be invested in labour and peasants' duties.

4.—That riots be started and that ten of thousands of people be induced to participate in these disturbances.

5.—That military and defence forces be disarmed and the railways, trains, telegraph wires, and financial organs of the capitalists be destroyed.

6.—That capital cities be captured whenever possible, and that guerrilla tactics be adopted when bolder means fail.

7.—That bandits and rowdies be used as soldiers and leaders in the promotion of the foregoing measures.

8.—That everything possible be done to promote a riotous spirit among strikers, and that arrangements be made to ensure that several strikes will culminate in a riot.

Another appeal is made to stir up trouble and discontent among soldiers, especial attention being directed to cases wherein troops are found to be behind in their pay.